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CONVENTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECOND CENTRAL AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

Convention for the Unification of the Currency.

The Governments of the Republics of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa-Rica and Guatemala, with a view to preparing for the future unification of an international Central American circulating medium of currency, have determined to enter into a Convention for that purpose and to that end have named as Delegates:

El Salvador, Dr. Salvador Rodríguez G.

Nicaragua, Dr. Manuel Pérez Alonso.

Honduras, Dr. Salvador Cordova.

Costa-Rica, Señor Roberto Brenes Mesén, and

Guatemala, Señor Manuel María Girón.

After having communicated to each other their respective full powers, which were found in due form, they have agreed to bring about their purpose in the following way:

WHEREAS; First, — In the preceding Conference held at the City of Tegucigalpa certain measures were adopted looking to the unification of Central American currency upon a gold and silver basis on conditions of parity; and, second, that Convention did not meet with the approval of the Governments because of monetary conditions peculiar to each country, which the Second Conference has been able to take into account, and whereas it finds itself in general agreement with the conclusions of the preceding Conference,

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE I.

The Conference recommends to the Governments here represented to adopt measures for the establishment of a gold standard with fixed ratio to American gold.

ARTICLE II.

As soon as the Governments shall have established the gold basis, a date shall be fixed for the equalization of value and the coinage of international Central American currency.

ARTICLE III.

The fineness, the weight, tolerance, the diameter and the design of the Central American currency, as well as its inscription, shall be determined in the Conference which consents to its coinage.

Signed in the city of San Salvador, the second day of February, 1910.

(Signed) SALVADOR RODRÍGUEZ G.

do M. PÉREZ ALONSO.

do SALVADOR CÓRDOVA.

do R. BRENES MESÉN.

do MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.

Convention Concerning the Approval of Plans, Estimates and Manner of Payment for the Construction and Equipment of the Pedagogical Institute of Central America.

The Governments of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala, deeming that the immediate founding of the Central American Pedagogical Institute is a work of transcendent merit as agreed upon in the Conventions of Washington, because such Foundation would mean the unifying of the tendencies and aspirations of Central American Public Instruction, the basis upon which must rest any moral or material union of the five Republics, have named Delegates, for the purpose of agreeing upon the plans and estimates, as well as to fix upon the manner of payments, as follows:

El Salvador, Dr. Salvador Rodríguez G.

Nicaragua, Señor Manuel Pérez Alonso.

Honduras, Doctor Salvador Córdova.

Costa Rica, Señor Roberto Brenes Mélen; and

Guatemala, Señor Manuel María Girón.

The Delegates, having met at Casa Blanca, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers which were found in due form, have agreed upon the following:

Art. 1. The plans submitted by the Government of Costa Rica for the construction of the buildings for the Central American Pedagogical Institute, following the system of separate buildings, are approved.

Art. 2. The estimate of expenses for the building and equipment of the establishment, to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), or sixty thousand dollars for each Republic (\$60,000), is approved.

Art. 3. The first quota of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be transmitted to the Government of Costa Rica before the 31st of March of the current year. The Government of Nicaragua shall transmit its first quota six months after the reestablishment of order in the Republic.

The successive quotas shall be monthly and for the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more, at the option of the remitting Government.

Art. 4. The Government of Costa Rica shall send every three months a statement of its accounts for the information of the other signatory Governments.

Signed in the city of San Salvador, the second day of February, 1910.

(Signed) SALVADOR RODRÍGUEZ G.

(Signed) M. PÉREZ ALONSO.

(Signed) SALVADOR CÓRDOVA.

(Signed) R. BRENES MESÉN.

(Signed) MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.

Convention Concerning the Functions of the International Central American Bureau.

WE, the undersigned, Delegates of the Republics of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, met at the Second Central American Conference, —

Believing that, for the good progress of the International Central American Bureau, established by the Convention signed at Washington the 20th of December, 1907, it is necessary to determine clearly and positively what are the functions of the said Bureau and what the scope of its powers, —

Have agreed, in the name of our respective Governments, to make the following Declaration :

ARTICLE I.

The functions committed to the International Central American Bureau are the following :

1. To strive to advance the Central American interests enumerated in Article I of the Convention of the 20th of December, 1907, which established the Bureau :

2. To carry out the measures which the signatory Republics may deem necessary and appropriate for the purposes set forth in the afore-said Convention, in conformity with Art. IV thereof.

3. To specify in its By-Laws the functions which, by virtue of the above paragraphs 1 and 2, appertain to it.

4. To take provisions for its internal organization conducive to the maintenance and development of the Central American interests which have been placed or may in future be placed under its care and vigilance, and

5. To propose a program for the annual Central American Conferences instituted by the Convention of Washington of the 20th of December, 1907, and to carry out the work which those Conferences commit to it.

ARTICLE II.

The International Central American Bureau has no political function or power, save the obtaining and propagating of information in favor of such Central American interests as are confided to it. Otherwise the Bureau shall not interfere in the internal or external politics of the States.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be left exclusively to each of the interested Governments to appoint its Delegate to the Bureau, as well as to remove him when it may see fit, and to fix the emoluments which he shall enjoy.

ARTICLE IV.

The Delegates shall enjoy diplomatic immunities in the Republic of Guatemala.

ARTICLE V.

The annual estimates of expenses of the International Central American Bureau shall be subject to the approval of the interested Governments which shall be informed of the general By-Laws which the Bureau issues, as well as any later amendments.

ARTICLE VI.

Each of the contracting parties shall give immediate notice to the others of the legislative ratification of the present Declaration, and this announcement shall be held to be an exchange of ratifications.

In witness whereof we sign the present Declaration in the city of San Salvador, the 3d day of February, 1910.

(Signed)	SALVADOR RODRÍGUEZ G.
do	M. PÉREZ ALONSO.
do	SALVADOR CÓRDOVA.
do	R. BRENES MESÉN.
do	MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.

Convention Relative to the Unification of Weights and Measures.

The Governments of the Republics of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala have appointed the following delegates for the purpose of taking steps for the unification of the weights and measures:

El Salvador, Dr. Salvador Rodríguez G.

Nicaragua, Dr. Manuel Pérez Alonso.

Honduras, Dr. Salvador Córdova.

Costa Rica, Señor Roberto Brenes Mesén, and

Guatemala, Señor Manuel María Girón.

These Delegates, meeting at Casa Blanca, have agreed to effect their purpose in the following manner:

ARTICLE I.

The legal system of weights and measures for the five Republics of Central America shall be the French metric system to the absolute exclusion of any other kind of units, for the measurement of lines, areas, weights and volumes, which must always be expressed in meters, areas, grammes and liters, or by their multiples or sub-multiples.

ARTICLE II.

In the Capital of each of the five Republics there shall be founded a "Bureau of Comparison" supplied with the fundamental prototypes of the meter and kilogram, obtained from the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Paris; of exact models of the usual measures; and of the instruments of comparison which will permit precise verification to within at least ten millimeters and ten miligrams of the limits of tolerance of the fundamental standards for the offices of the Departments or, of the second class, standards whose real value may therefore differ to the extent of 0.0001 from the latter.

ARTICLE III.

Each Government shall make its own regulations for the establishment and the use of the metric system in conformity with the basis set forth in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE IV.

Upon the approval of this Convention, the Governments of the signatory Republics shall make it obligatory in their schools to give instruction in the French metric system to the exclusion of any other system.

Signed in San Salvador, the 3d day of February, 1910.

(Signed)	SALVADOR RODRÍGUEZ G.
do	M. PÉREZ ALONSO.
do	SALVADOR CÓRDOVA.
do	R. BRENES MESÉN.
do	MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.

Convention Concerning Central American Commerce.

The Governments of the Republics of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala, to the end of fomenting international Central American commerce — it not being possible for reasons peculiar to some of them to establish free trade — have appointed as their Delegates:

El Salvador, Dr. Salvador Rodríguez G.
Nicaragua, Dr. Manuel Pérez Alonso.
Honduras, Dr. Salvador Córdova.
Costa Rica, Señor Roberto Brenes Mesén.
Guatemala, Señor Manuel María Girón.

The Delegates meeting at the Casa Blanca have agreed to bring about their purpose in the following manner:

ARTICLE I.

From the first of January, 1911, next, the import commerce of the contracting Republics shall enjoy a reduction of 20 per cent. from the custom duties upon their original products and native manufactures; and of 10 per cent. upon the products manufactured from imported raw materials.

ARTICLE II.

If, by reason of prior treaties, there should be a nation which enjoys customs privileges in a Central American State, the reduction of 20 per cent. above mentioned shall be in addition to the privilege so conceded.

ARTICLE III.

Articles the importation of which is or may hereafter be under special restriction or prohibition do not come within this Convention; nor do those articles which have been the subject of agreement by special laws of the respective contracting States come within this present Convention.

Signed in the city of San Salvador, the 4th day of February, 1910.

(Signed) M. PÉREZ ALONSO.
do SALVADOR CÓRDOVA.
do R. BRENES MESÉN.
do MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.

The Delegate of El Salvador, undersigned, reserves his vote upon this Convention and, in accordance with the Rules of the Conference, accepts the Convention ad referendum only.

(Signed) SALVADOR RODRÍGUEZ G.

Convention Relative to the Consular Service.

The Governments of the Republics of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, for the purpose of consolidating the Central American Consular Service, have decided to enter into a Con-

vention for this purpose, and to that end have appointed as their Delegates:

El Salvador, Dr. Salvador Rodríguez G.

Nicaragua, Dr. Manuel Pérez Alonso.

Honduras, Dr. Salvador Córdova.

Costa Rica, Roberto Brenes Mesén.

Guatemala, Manuel María Girón.

Who, after having communicated their respective full powers, which were found in due form, have agreed upon the following:

ARTICLE I.

The nations here represented agree to consolidate their representation in the commercial places and markets, to be mutually agreed upon, by functionaries called Consuls who shall have the duties which the title presupposes, which are indicated by the local consular regulations and also those which may be determined upon in the future when the unification of the consular regulations and allied laws is made.

ARTICLE II.

The nations here represented will agree, through their delegates, upon the designations of the Consulates which are to be established whose number must be a multiple of five for equal distribution among the interested States.

ARTICLE III.

The Consulates which each State is to supervise and pay for shall be decided by lot.

ARTICLE IV.

It is the duty of the Governments to impose upon the Consuls accredited and appointed in virtue of this Convention the duty to protect, guard and promote equally and without any distinction the commercial interests of the five Central American States; the compilation of detailed statistics which shall be communicated to those who are interested in the movement of importation and exportation within his jurisdiction with each of the Republics; the study and suggestion to the respective Governments of the measures which would secure to each of the nations concerned the greatest participation in the commerce of that place.

ARTICLE V.

The selection of the Consulates which are to be established, as well as the determination by lot of the places for which each State shall provide, in accordance with the provisions contained in Articles 2 and 3 of this Convention, shall be left for determination at the meeting of the next Conference.

ARTICLE VI.

The Consuls shall be Central-Americans, such persons having greater interest and greater knowledge of the affairs of those countries.

ARTICLE VII.

Consuls shall receive a fixed salary and the Consular fees for importations shall be turned over to the respective country into which the goods are imported.

ARTICLE VIII.

It is recommended that a comparative study of the various consular regulations and fees shall be made by the International Central American Bureau so that the next Conference may submit a project for their unification.

Signed in the City of San Salvador, the 4th day of February, 1910.

(S.) SALVADOR RODRÍGUEZ G.

(S.) M. PÉREZ ALONSO.

(S.) SALVADOR CÓRDOVA.

(S.) R. BRENES MESÉN.

(S.) MANUEL MA. GIRÓN.

TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA.

Concluded May 22, 1903; ratified by the President June 25, 1904: proclaimed July 2, 1904.

Whereas the Congress of the United States of America, by an Act approved March 2, 1901, provided as follows:

Provided further, That in fulfillment of the declaration contained in the joint resolution approved April twentieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "For the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the Government of Spain relinquish